

Whereas the Federalist Papers embody an eloquent and forceful argument made in support of the adoption of our republican form of government;

Whereas these documents stand as the foundation of our form of Democracy, providing at the same time the touchstone of our national identity and the vehicle for orderly growth and change; and

Whereas the survival of the Republic requires that our Nation's children—the future guardians of its heritage and participants in its governance—have a firm knowledge of its principles and history: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress encourages State and local governments and local educational agencies to include among the requirements for secondary school graduation a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers.

Agreed to December 21, 1987.

ADJOURNMENT—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE

Dec. 22, 1987

[H. Con. Res. 235]

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall adjourn on Tuesday, December 22, 1987, and that when they adjourn on said day, they stand adjourned sine die.

Agreed to December 22, 1987.